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SUBJECT: DEATH: CLYDE A. LINDSEY, JR.

REF: BANGKOK 18148

1. REFTEL DATED JUNE 26 INDICATED THAT AMCIT CLYDE A. LINDSEY, JR. WAS ILL AT BANGKOK IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTER AND THAT EMBASSY WAS SEEKING APPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED MORNING OF JUNE 28 THAT LINDSEY DIED AT THE IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTER THE PREVIOUS EVENING.

2. LINDSEY HAD BEEN VISIBLY ILL WHEN SEEN BY CONSULAR OFFICER THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 26. HE SAID AT THAT TIME HE HAD BEEN ILL FOR THREE DAYS . UPON HEARING CONSULAR OFFICER'S REPORT LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 26 , CHIEF OF EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION IMMEDIATELY CALLED CHIEF OF THAI IMMIGRATION, POLICE MAJOR GENERAL ANAND DJERANGSEI AND RELAYED THE INFORMATION AND REQUESTED THAT LINDSEY BE TAKEN TO THE BANGKOK POLICE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY. GENERAL ANAND INDICATED HE WOULD PURSUE MATTER. THE FOLLOWING MORNING CONSULAR SECTION INQUIRED OF BOTH POLICE HOSPITAL AND IMMIGRATION CONCERNING LINDSEY'S STATUS. SECTION WAS INFORMED BY SENIOR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF IMMIGRATION'S ILLEGAL ALIEN DIVISION THAT LINDSEY HAD BEEN TAKEN TO THE POLICE HOSPITAL BUT HAD BEEN "REFUSED ENTRY." CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION IMMEDIATELY HAD POLICE HOSPITAL CALLED TO ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHY. CONSUL WAS INFORMED THAT

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THE POLICE HOSPITAL HAD NO RECORD OF ANY ATTEMPT TO ADMIT LINDSEY. CALLING THE IMMIGRATION SECTION CHIEF BACK, CONSUL WAS TOLD THAT WHAT HAD BEEN MEANT WAS THAT LINDSEY WAS SEEN BY THE RESIDENT DOCTOR AT THE IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTER AND THAT IN FACT NO ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO TAKE HIM TO THE POLICE HOSPITAL. IMPLICATION OF THIS INFORMATION WAS THAT IMMIGRATION DOCTOR SAW NO NEED TO SEND LINDSEY OUT. HOWEVER, ILLEGAL ALIEN SECTION CHIEF

PROMISED TO SEND HIM TO POLICE HOSPITAL THE NEXT DAY (28TH).

3. THE MORNING OF JUNE 28 CONSUL AGAIN CALLED CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION AND REPORTED THE FACT THAT THE SITUATION REGARDING LINDSEY'S MEDICAL CARE HAD BEEN MISREPRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY THE PREVIOUS DAY. CONSUL ASKED GENERAL ANAND TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND ASSURE COMPETENT MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR LINDSEY. WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THAT CONVERSATION, THE ILLEGAL ALIEN SECTION CHIEF CALLED TO INFORM THE CONSUL OF LINDSEY'S DEATH.

4. CONSUL WENT AT ONCE TO CALL UPON GENERAL ANAND TO OBTAIN EXPLANATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS CASE. GENERAL ANAND INDICATED THAT HE WAS THEN CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION AND GATHERING SWORN STATEMENTS. GENERAL ANAND SAID THAT THE REMAINS WERE MOVED TO THE FORENSIC LABORATORY AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE CONSUL ASKED FOR AN AUTOPSY REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FORENSIC CHIEF SAID HE WOULD HAVE A PRELIMINARY CAUSE OF DEATH WITHIN 24 HOURS. THE CHIEF FORENSIC OFFICER INDICATES THAT A DETAILED AUTOPSY WILL TAKE AT LEAST A WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

5. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT INFORMING LINDSEY'S NEXT-OF-KIN OF HIS DEATH: MIRIAM WILSON, 13315 SOUTH EBERHART AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (312) 468-8848, INDICATING SUBSTANCE OF THE ABOVE. PLEASE INFORM NOK THAT GIVEN THE UNCLEAR CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING LINDSEY'S DEATH, A FURTHER REPORT WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS ALL THE FACTS ARE AVAILABLE.
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PLEASE ASSURE NEXT-OF-KIN THAT A RAPID, VIGOROUS, AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED.
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